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As requested by NMFS, here's our cover letter and comments on BDCP public draft EIS

BLUF (army lingo for bottom line up front):

We have determined that without substantive changes, we will not be able to adopt the EIS/EIR, and would require additional NEPA documentation for any Corps permits on the actions to implement the BDCP, including potentially requiring an EIS for the proposed new intakes, tunnels and operations (Conservation Measure 1).

We were unable to comment on Conservation Measures 2 through 22 due to the lack of detail in the document.

We have no opinion on the suitability of the EIS/EIR for decisions made by other agencies.

Our inability to adopt the EIS/EIR does not affect the BDCP's approval as an HCP.

We remain hopeful that at least some of our comments can be incorporated into the Final EIS/EIR (for which there currently is no schedule), and we continue to work with DWR and others.

Let me know if you have any questions

Thanks,

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